intervene, Sir. There is no doubt that there are some human rights organisations existing in India. Unfortunately, for us there are some human rights organisations which are politically motivated and they have been giving a totally distorted picture of what is happening in India... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : Sir, the Home Minister is misleading the country... *(Interruptions)*... You name the organisation. Are you talking of Mr. Tarkunde? Are you talking of Mr. Rajendra Sachar?

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: It is not your opinion. Ultimately, it is the judgement of the Government... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Can you name them?... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Congress (I) and the BJP are expressing the same viewpoint... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: I want to know which are the organisations that are politically motivated. Let him name them... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: In a democracy...

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: I don't think that by merely shouting loudly, you can make your point. That is not correct. Actually, the source of information for Amnesty International is also these Human Rights Organisations which are working in India and I am very sorry to say this that in spite of the fact that all the paraphernalia existing here we have a vibrant. Press; we have the Parliament; we have the Assemblies and the Judiciary — when the reports are being submitted by an international body as if it is the law of the jungle which is prevailing in India, I don't think that any other inference can be drawn.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri M. C. Bhandare... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: No. He should name the organisation.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is not extended to that Ministry. I only permitted this. That was enough.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Sir, undoubtedly, Human Rights is going to have a bigger and bigger say in all international affairs. We have a proud record. We have a Constitution which guarantees fundamental rights and freedoms. We have a Judiciary. We have the Parliament. We have the Press as well as the voluntary agencies. Now, there is one more thing which we, the Members of Parliament, must fulfil. In USA, the Committees on Foreign Relations Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives, look after the matters connected with the Human Rights. In U.K., the House of Commons has a select Committee on Home Affairs and Foreign Affairs *inter alia* to deal with the violation of human rights. Now, such a Parliamentary forum is absolutely necessary in our country to project correctly the growth, the protection and the promotion of human rights in our country. I, therefore, ask the hon. Minister whether he would take a leading part and take some steps in this direction of having a Parliamentary forum for the enforcement and the promotion of human rights in our country?

MR. CHAIRMAN: And by representing properly in the foreign countries.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: The hon. Member wants a forum for Parliamentarians. I will definitely take up the matter with you, Mr. Chairman.

Trail of Mr. Prabhakaran, Prime Accused in Rajiv Gandhi Murder Case

@264. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approached Sri Lankan Government to bring to India for trial, Mr. Prabhakaran, the prime accused in Rajiv Gandhi murder case, on extradition basis or otherwise;

(b) if so, what is the outcome; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

*The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Tindiranam G. Venkataraman.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The question of extradition of Prabhakaran would arise upon receipt of a request from the Special Investigating Team (SIT) of the CBI.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Sir, the assassination of Mr. Rajiv Gandhi which took place 10 months ago is not only an assasination of a political leader of India, but it is an insult to our national honour and a challenge to our national sovereignty. Sir, from the reply of the Minister coupled with an alleged statement of the Minister of State for Home affairs which has been published in the *National Herald* today which says that on the question of banning the LTTE, mere indulgence in a crime alone cannot qualify for banning an organisation unless the activities of such an organisation pose a threat to the integrity of our country, I feel, before I could ask the question, that the Government is taking the assassination of Mr. Rajiv Gandhi much too casually. After 10 months, we find the reply is that the SIT has not yet made a request for the extradition of Mr. Prabhakaran. It is now well established that Mr. Prabhakaran is behind the murder of Mr. Rajiv Gandhi. He has been declared a proclaimed offender. He has not come. I would therefore, like to know from the Government whether there is any attempt made outside this technicality. For example, the use of the SAARC resolution in Kathmandu of 1985 whereby it is stated that on the question of terrorism all the SAARC countries would cooperate. Has the Government any proposal to approach them through the SAARC resolution?

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: I would like to say that this was the most dastardly crime committed by whoever killed our leader, the late Shri Rajiv Gandhi, and we in the Government as a whole shall take all steps, all possible steps, to see that these criminals, these murderers, are brought to book.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: You are waiting for the SIT.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What about SAARC?

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: I will go into all the points raised by the Member. On the question of extradition we will take immediate steps but, as I said, this Ministry is the Ministry of External Affairs and we must get a request from the investigating agencies for the extradition.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: This is Mr. Rajiv Gadhi's status today, this being treated as on ordinary investigation.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: This is the law. We must get a request...

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: I feel for Mr. Rajiv Gandhi. I hope they also feel for him. They seem to have forgotten him. The ruling party has filed an affidavit before the Verma Commission that certain foreign powers were involved in the assassination of Mr. Rajiv Gandhi. I would like to ask the Minister to External Affairs whether he could name these foreign powers who were invqlved in the assassination of Mr. Rajiv Gandhi.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: In the course of our duty in the Ministry of External Affairs we don't deal with the Verma Commission. And I must say I have not seen the affidavit.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: You don't even name those foreign powers.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: The designated court in Madras issued arrest warrants against two important persons who are in Sri Lanka, Prabhakaran and Pottu Amman, who masterminded the assassination of our leader, Rajiv Gandhi. We see from the newspapers that the Sri Lankan Government was informed of it. The news item about the arrest warrants issued against the two persons has been appearing prominently in the newspapers in Sri Lanka saying that the two persons should surrender before the designated court in Madras. The SIT has gone to the extent of having it published in the Sri Lankan newspapers that the accused persons should surrender before the designated court in Madras. That being the case, why not take immediate steps

for the extradition of Prabhakaran and Pottu Amman who are the prime accused in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case? I am very sorry to say things are not moving as they should. The Ministry of External Affairs and also the persons investigating the case should expedite the matter and bring to India the two prime accused in the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi. They should expedite the procedure. That is the important point. What is the Minister's reply?

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: We shall definitely take all steps to expedite the procedure. But there is no way in which we can take the initiative either in this case or in any case for the extradition of someone.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: The designated court has issued arrest warrants against the two persons and it is known to everyone.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): Certainly we are interested in the extradition proceedings being started there and in bringing to book Prabhakaran and the other person whom my friend mentioned. Both these people will have to be arrested and we are going to take up this issue with the Sri Lankan Government. The second point is about the LTTE. Banning of the LTTE is a matter which is engaging the attention of our Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs.

कुमारी सईदा खातून: सर, यहां पर इस बार भी "श्री राजीव गांधी" नहीं लिखा गया और "श्री प्रभाकरन" लिखा गया है। सर, यह शिकायत हमको पिछली बार भी थी और आज भी यही शिकायत है हमको...**(व्यवधान)**

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Jayanthi Natarajan.

कुमारी सईदा खातून: ये लोग हत्यारों के नाम के साथ "श्री" लिखते हैं और राजीव गांधी के नाम के आगे "श्री" नहीं लगाया। चाहे इंग्लिश में देखिए, चाहे हिन्दी में देखिए...**(व्यवधान)**

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mrs. Renuka Chowdhury.

कुमारी सईदा खातून: यह चीज लिखते वक्त ध्यान देना चाहिए। पिछली बार भी हम लोगों ने यही चीज दिखाई थी और आज भी यही चीज है...**(व्यवधान)**

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Bringing Chit Funds and Real Estate Sector Under the Purview of MRTP Act

*265. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA:
DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to bring Chit Funds and Real Estate Sectors under the purview of the M.R.T.P. Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY): (a) and (b) As per Section 2(r) of the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969 as amended by the MRTP (Amendment) Act, 1991, chit funds and real estate sectors have been brought within the purview of the MRTP Act.

Effect of Cartel of viscose filament yarn Manufacturers on powerloom and handloom weavers

*266. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that powerloom and handloom weavers are suffering due to the activities of a powerful cartel of viscose filament yarn manufacturers, who are reportely hiking the prices and are curtailing deliveries; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to bring down the prices and contain the activities of the cartel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) While the prices of Viscose Filament Yarn have risen during the last one year, no curtailment of deliveries of Viscose Filament Yarn

*The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Tindiranam G. Venkataraman.